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b.) Amendments to the Specification

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Please insert at Page 1, paragraph 1, but after the title:

--This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/263,761 entitled "Rapid Method for Bacterial Typing" filed January 25, 2001, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference.--